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Appn. Title: Retrofit Hurricane-Earthquake Clip

Examiner: Garcia, Ernesto

Mailed April 22, 2005

AMENDMENT J

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 03/22/05, I have included in this response the following:

1. Response to the office action, seven pages including cover page.
2. 19 amended claims (1-10 and 15-23), including 2 independent and 17 dependent.
3. Certificate of Mailing.

Very respectfully,

*Thomas C. Thompson*  
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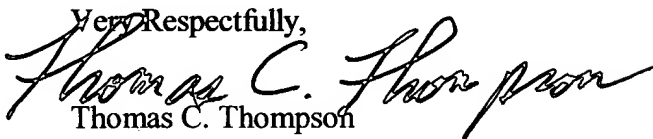
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## RESPONSE

1. The reply filed on December 16, 2004 fails to comply with current amendment practice because of the following omissions or matters: The claims in the listing fail to properly show all changes or otherwise fail to use the most recent claim copy as the starting basis...Applicant should note that the amendment filed on December 16, 2004 is identical to the non-compliant amendment filed August 16, 2004. Applicant is urged to use the attached copy of the amendment filed on October 10, 2003 as a starting point to make amendments. The applicant is using the October 10, 2003 claims, as provided by the examiner, for the basis claims. The amended claims in this response are amended to the 10/10/03 claims, including the correct underlines and strike-outs. The applicant has changed the font of the included claims to match the Courier font of the 10/10/03 claims. The applicant respectfully requests that the examiner enter the enclosed amended claims.
2. Moreover, the alphabetic delineation in claim 1 fails to properly indicate all changes made since items c and d do not correspond to prior versions of the claim. The applicant amended claim 1 by inserting new claim 1c, which was to be inserted between old claims 1b and 1c. The Word Perfect word processing program automatically changed it to 1c. On the included claims, the applicant has again placed the new line between claims 1b and 1c, but has numbered it claim 1e.
3. Accordingly, since the applicant perceives that the amended claims read over the cited reference, the applicant submits that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action applicant respectfully solicits. If the examiner agrees but does not feel that the present claims are technically adequate, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j).

Very Respectfully,  
  
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